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(N.E.)

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masatoshi YOKOTA

Appl. No.: 09/276,716 Group: 1712

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For: THREE-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 24, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 23, 2001, the due date for response having been extended three months, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the claims:

Claims 1-14 are pending.

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Rejections under 35 USC §§102 and/or 103

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC